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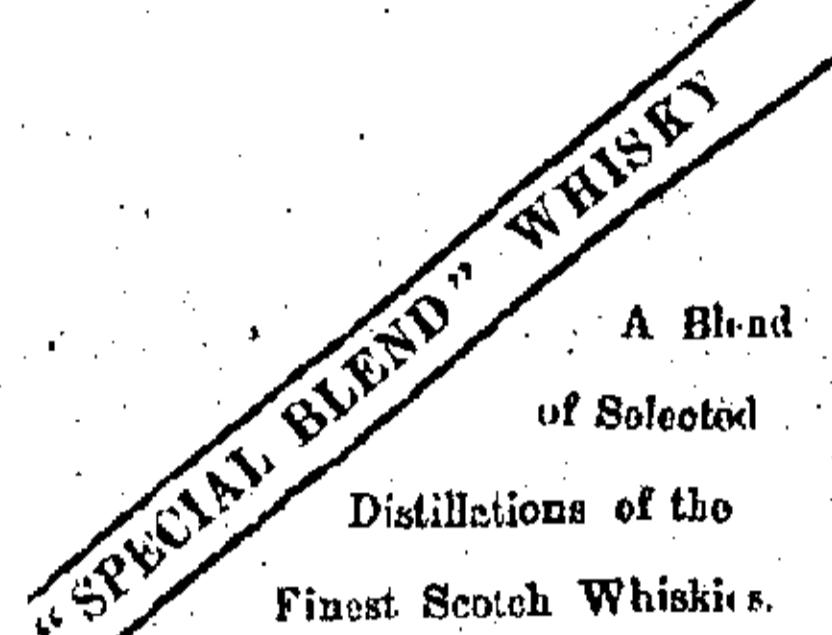
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[a282]

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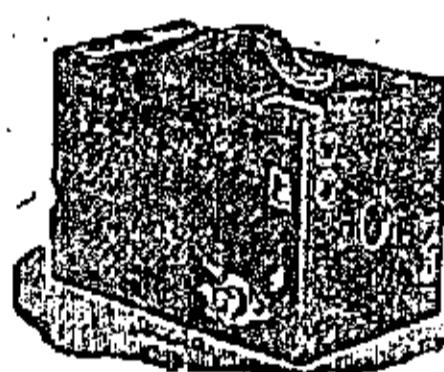
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On 27th September, at Villa Alpha, Kowloon,  
the wife of V. J. McLoughlin, of a daughter.  
(London papers please copy.) [232]HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VŒUX ROAD CL.  
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1905.

THE saying about the whirligig of time  
and its revenges will be brought to mind by  
a recent English proposal to revive canal  
traffic. After the STEVENSONS had  
astonished the public with their steam  
carriages, and time showed that they were  
not mere toys, the fickle world made haste  
to be off with the old love—the stage-coach,  
so dear still to the romancer; and with the  
stage-coach went the canal barges and  
boats. The canals of England are now for  
the most part stagnant ditches. Within  
the last two months, the Woking, Aldershot,  
and Basingstoke Canal was sold to a  
private purchaser for a comparatively small  
sum. The canal company is no more; and  
this is where we, close neighbours of a vast  
Empire to which its canals are at present  
the national vascular system, may note the  
presence of the whirligig. Rapid transit.  
That is what we keep telling China she  
needs, if her commercial life is ever to be  
quickened, and her natural prosperity  
afforded room for development. For the  
Chinese road for all traffic is still, as it has  
been from time immemorial, on the water.  
The path of the passenger from one  
distant place to another, and of produce  
and merchandise, lies on that slow  
but easy medium. There are those  
who look forward to the time when all  
China will be covered with a network of  
rails as thickly as is England; and who  
say, as the soap advertisement says of thestriving infant, that she won't be happy  
until she gets it. Yet even now, after  
practically two centuries of railways, there  
are those who believe, as the *Times* says,  
"that the industries of the country would  
be more thriving than they are, that cost  
of production and transport would have  
been sensibly diminished, if canal com-  
munication had been developed." Their  
idea is that the British Parliament should  
devote greater attention to proposals for  
improving existing canals and making new  
ones, to form a chain of water-ways between  
the principal ports. Our Hamburg  
correspondent has more than once referred  
to Germany and the enterprising canal  
service there; and these modern agitators  
want to see England with as fine a system.  
Water carriage, they say, is the cheapest  
possible; and it is this attention to what the  
English have treated with neglectInterest due and drawn bonds of the Chinese  
Imperial Government seven per cent. silver  
loan of 1886 (E) are payable at the Hongkong  
and Shanghai Bank from to-day. An official  
announcement to this effect will be found in  
our advertising column to-day.Mrs. A. G. Gordon, Mrs. J. W. Kew, Colonel  
Haynes, Messrs. L. J. C. Anderson, Frank  
Austin, A. F. Walstet, and A. S. Pine, among  
contributors to the Volunteer Promotional  
Concert programme this evening, will of  
course, the West Kents excellently conductedIt is officially notified that from to-morrow  
the supply of water within limits specified in  
the advertisement appearing on our fourth  
page, will be controlled by bringing the river  
main into operation, and that within the area  
specified the water will be turned on for two  
hours daily; one hour in the morning and one  
hour in the afternoon.The P.M.S.S. Co's *Kaiser*, which left  
Hongkong on the 6th inst., arrived at San  
Francisco, her destination, on the 27th, making  
the run from Hongkong in 21 days, and from  
Yokohama to San Francisco in 10 days, 11 hours  
and 5 minutes, breaking the best previous record  
of 10 days, 15 hours made by the same ship in  
1902. The average speed from Yokohama to  
San Francisco was something over 10 knots.The *Foochow Echo* of Sept. 23 contains a  
highly appreciative obituary reference to the  
late Mr. Paul Bender, head of the customs  
out-door staff at Foochow. A German, aged  
only 36 years, Mr. Bender had spent an ad-  
venturous and useful life. He began on  
a sailing vessel and seafarers; joined the Cus-  
toms at Canton in 1885; was transferred to  
Kowloon in the same year; and rapidly worked  
his way up. He went to Foochow in 1899, and  
in two years was an accomplished Mandarin  
scholar.A very imposing and interesting ceremony  
will be held to-morrow morning in the Roman  
Catholic Cathedral commencing at 8 o'clock;  
this being the consecration of the Right Rev.  
Domenico Pezzoni, the Bishop elect of Tavia,  
Vicar Apostolic of the Roman Catholic Mission  
in Hongkong. The consecrating bishop will  
be the Most Rev. John Meniotti, the Vicar  
Apostolic of Houan Septentrional, assisted by  
the Right Rev. Dr. Isidore Clemente and the  
Right Rev. Dr. John M. Merv, the Vicars  
Apostolic of Amoy and Kwangtung respec-  
tively. In the afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, the  
annual procession of the Holy Rosary will take  
place in the compound of the Cathedral.By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. A. G.  
Fenton, D.S.O., and Officers, the Band of the  
Second Battalion "The Queen's Own" (Royal  
West-Kent) will play the following programme  
of music during dinner at the Hongkong Hotel,  
this evening, commencing from 7.30 p.m. to  
9.10 p.m.March ..... "Wien Blaß Wien" Schramm.  
Overture to "Preciosa" ..... Weber  
"Schall Wellen" ..... Strauss  
Selection from "La Poupe" ..... Audran  
Song (Carmel Sol.) "Sing me to sleep" ..... Green  
Selection "The Wee McGregor" ..... Amer  
The Virgin's Skedaddle ..... Rosenfeld  
Menu ..... Hora "El Gherres" Cavia in Egg  
Soup—Mock Turkey Soufflé Fish—Boiled Fish,  
Sauces—Bacon—Entrees—Lamb—Cutlets and  
Green Peas—Rabbit in a French Style, Chicken and  
Marrow—Pudding—Curry—Mazay Curry, Jointed  
Braised Australian Beef, Roast Capon and Sausages  
Boiled Bacon and Spinach, Cold Potage à la Grec  
An Apple Asparagus Salad—Sweet—Sago Pudding,  
Ice Cream—Finger Cakes, Apricot, Tart, Tippy Cake—Dessert—Coffee—Fruits.HONGKONG HOCKEY CLUB.  
The annual meeting of members of this club  
was held at the Hongkong Cricket Club pavil-  
ion yesterday afternoon.The CHAIRMAN stated that he had nothing  
to say, as the accounts spoke for themselves;  
and as their secretary, Mr. T. C. Gray, looked  
after the club's interests in an efficient way,  
there was no need for him to enlarge upon the  
report.He proposed its adoption, and on being  
seconded, the proposition was agreed to  
unanimously.Mr. J. Barton was re-elected chairman of  
the club; Mr. L. Murphy, captain; and Mr. T.  
C. Gray, hon. secretary and treasurer.In the ballot for committee-man the following  
were elected:—Messrs. J. Barton, L. Murphy,  
C. P. Chater, P. K. Knayett, A. B. Ogle, R. E.  
and T. Greenwood, R.R.The annual report was as follows:—The  
accounts attached show a credit balance of  
\$97,87 on the 30th September, 1905. The  
club played 10 matches, winning 3, losing 5,  
the remaining 2 being drawn. The challenge  
cup competition again proved a success, 13  
entries being received. The cup was won  
by the 93rd Burmese, who defeated their  
second XI. in the final. The club was  
defeated, after a tie, by H.M.S. *Astrea*. The  
challenge cup fund shows a credit balance of  
\$54.66 on the 30th September, 1905. The  
thanks of the committee are due to Mr. P. H.  
Holyoak for kindly auditing the accounts.The club now consists of 70 members. During  
the season under review 22 new members were  
elected.

Dr. Dartnell, B.N., and Capt. Davies, A.O.D.,

resigned their positions on the committee on

leaving the Colony, which will necessitate the

election of naval and military representatives

at the annual meeting. The accounts show a

credit balance of \$97,87, while the balance

standing to the credit of the challenge cup

account is \$54.66.—T. C. Gray, hon. secretary

and treasurer.

The Rangoon Commissioner of Police in his

last yearly report remarks on the reckless

manner in which fire insurance business is

carried on in that town. In one case of arson

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## POLICE COURT.

Friday, 29th September.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## A NECESSARY PROSECUTION.

Four chair coolies were convicted of persistently soliciting patronage after they had been warned to desist, and were fined \$3 each.

## REFUSING DUTY.

Eight of the crew of the sailing ship *Commercer* were charged with refusing duty.

The defendants pleaded guilty, but stated that the chief officer was a new man on board. They were not notified of his appointment, and when he ordered them to work they refused.

His Worship dismissed the charge on the man promising to return to their work.

## A BOLDY RESTAURANT.

Constable Downie charged the proprietor of a restaurant at No. 126 Queen's Road with keeping a disorderly house, whereby the peace and tranquillity of the neighbourhood was disturbed.

A previous conviction was recorded against the defendant, and his Worship, in inflicting a fine of \$50, remarked that if any more such cases came before him he would inflict a penalty of \$100.

BEFORE MR. G. N. ORME (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## FRACTIONAL FEMALES.

Mrs. E. Mills proceeded against Mrs. Course, for assaulting her at Yau Ma Tei on the 10th instant. The defendant took out a cross summons against the plaintiff for using abusive language and creating a disturbance, whereby a breach of the peace might have been occasioned. Mrs. Mills, married woman, of No. 130 Station Street, Yau Ma Tei, stated that she called at defendant's house on 10th instant to try to get some money belonging to her husband, which the defendant's husband had. She entered the house in a good temper, but the defendant was in a bad temper and struck her on the back. She had not asked for the money, when defendant said—"I will not pay you: get out of my house," and she pushed her down the stairs. Witness went down stairs, but told defendant she would summons her, as she had been treated like a dog. She went forthwith and took out a summons.

His Worship—You don't know for a fact whether the defendant's husband owed your husband this money?

Witness—No.

His Worship—What is the amount owing?

Witness—\$2.

His Worship (to defendant)—Do you wish to ask any questions?

Defendant—I would like to ask her, your Worship, if she will kiss the bible and say I abused her as soon as she entered my house.

Witness—I went to her house at ten o'clock in the morning and my husband wrote a letter.

His Worship—Yes, yes. I know all that; but I want to know who started the abusing.

Witness—The defendant began to abuse me.

Defendant—Did you not walk up without knocking?

Witness—No; I knocked on the staircase as I went up, and heard you say, "Come in."

His Worship—And you went up and went in. What happened then?

Witness—She opened the conversation by saying—"I am not going to pay you the money."

His Worship—And did you get angry?

Witness—No; but she did, and pushed me out, at the same time giving me a knock on the shoulder.

The defendant was then put in the witness box, while complainant stood by the dock for the hearing of the cross-summons.

Emily Course said that Mrs. Mills entered her house without knocking. She was very angry, and asked for payment of \$2 which she said witness's husband owed her. Witness replied that she knew nothing about it. Defendant then said—"If you do not pay it I hope your children will get sick. You can keep it and buy medicine for your two sons." Witness told her to leave the house as she had just come out of hospital, and did not feel very well. Defendant then left, abusing her all the way downstairs.

Defendant—Did you call me "bawdy"?

Witness—No. I used the best of language towards you.

His Worship—Any other questions?

Defendant—She is a very bad tempered woman.

His Worship—Did you say you hoped her children would be ill?

Defendant—No, your Worship. I said my child was ill.

His Worship—I order you both to sign a bond to keep the peace for the future.

## DUMPING RUBBISH AND ASSAULT.

Lance Sergeant Wills of the Water Police summoned Captain Sisco, of the French steamer *Bourbon* for dumping rubbish in the harbour, and assaulting him on board the steamer.

The captain did not appear, but sent his second officer with a power of attorney to represent him.

His Worship said this officer could not appear as defendant, as the captain was charged with assault.

Inspector Langley informed his Worship that about four tons of rubbish had been emptied into the harbour from this vessel.

His Worship—And the captain is responsible for the doings aboard his ship.

The second officer of the vessel, through an interpreter, informed his Worship that the captain was very busy on board with Lloyd's surveyor, and could not conveniently get away.

Inspector Langley—If it was a British captain, your Worship, he would have to appear. I don't see why we should wait on this man. It is an unreasonable request altogether.

His Worship (to the second officer)—I will adjourn the case if you will undertake to have the captain here to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The Second Officer—Lloyd's surveyor will then be on board.

His Worship—Then I must issue a warrant, which will probably mean that the ship will have to remain in port over Sunday.

The Second Officer—If you take the case before 10 o'clock perhaps he could come.

His Worship—I don't sit so early. I will take it at ten if you like.

The Second Officer—It is a lot of trouble.

His Worship—A lot of trouble must be undergone by people who break the law by dumping rubbish in the harbour. If you cannot give me your assurance that the captain will be here to-morrow I will issue a warrant.

The Second Officer—The police had no right to board our ship without a permit.

His Worship—Oh yes they had. It is their duty, and is laid down in the merchant shipping act. I will adjourn the summons until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

## THE KOWLOON FRACAS.

The hearing of the charge of killing Yau Kum at the Reclamation Works, Kowloon, on the 21st September, preferred against four coolies, was resumed, Mr. Hett again appearing for defendants.

An Indian policeman deposed that he was attracted to the scene by hearing a great noise and entering the matched found deceased in a dying condition. With the assistance of three of the defendants he carried him to the Police Station but Yau Kum expired on the way.

Cross-examined—He found the first three defendants in the matched. The first and second attempted to run away but not the third.

Wong Yau, a coolie employed at the Kowloon Reclamation Works, spoke to hearing a noise while in his matched, and going to that occupied by defendants saw the third defendant kick the deceased, who was standing up just outside the matched. He walked away and saw no more. The first and second defendants might have been there, but he could not recognise them.

Tin Mo, another coolie, also recognised the third defendant as taking part in the fray. The evidence having been concluded,

Mr. Hett argued that there was no evidence against the third and fourth defendants, and, submitting that there was no presumption of guilt against the four defendants, asked his Worship to discharge them.

His Worship held there was sufficient *prima facie* evidence to warrant him in deciding that the defendants should go before the higher court.

Prisoners were accordingly committed for trial, Mr. Hett reserving his defence. Bail was allowed in the cases of the third and fourth defendants; \$500 each.

## THE GOD 'SPORT.'

The following letter, which appeared in the London *Standard* of the 31st of July, shows that the Hon. Mr. Shawan was not alone in his denunciation of sport as a god—

Sir,—It is to be hoped that the letter by "Sportsman" and your welcome leader thereon will mark the commencement of a vigorous reaction against the present imbecile craze for games. If Free Trade is ruining our industries, it is no less true that sport is sapping our national character. Whatsoever of good may originally have been associated with that trivial neglect of public duty and want of public spirit, it has created a false standard of manhood, so that the heroism of war and everyday life are accounted less than the breaking of a record or the compiling of runs. It has vulgarised our language with its jargon and lowered the whole standard of style to a level suitable to its own crudity. And, finally, it aspires to set up a code of conduct, the highest attainment of which is to be "a good sportsman."

Great is truth, but how nearly as great is fallacy. Ever since the Duke of Wellington said, or did not say, that the battle of Waterloo was the best battle ever fought, the argument served up that sport tended to harden the nerves and strengthen the moral fibre of our people. Especially have we been told that for-hunting and horse-racing ensured that our breed of horses and our race of fearless sportsmen would be unique asset over other nations less sporting, i.e., less manly than ourselves, in time of war. In short, it is claimed that our best fighting material is recruited from that part of the nation given up to sport. These claims have only to be controverted by that absurdity to be apparent. During the South African war this country was the last place from which horses were supplied, and our Imperial Yeomanry were in the vast majority of cases, neither able to ride nor subsequently to take care of their horses. As for superior nerve and pluck engendered by the sporting spirit, the 250 "regrettable incidents" of the war are only too humiliating a confession that, whatever the virtues of sport, it has not added to the fighting manhood of England.

In the name of common sense and of our very security as a nation, do let us prick this silly but dangerous fallacy once and for all. The so-called sportsman is in no way superior to his less advertised countryman as a fighting man. In its wider aspect the influence of the sporting spirit can only be described as deplorable. The constant contemplation of the trivial shows its results in a weakened sense of the serious and of the dignity of life. Without much exaggeration, it may be called a national softening of the brain.

Sir, the heart of the nation may be sound enough, but if we are to keep our place in the sun—say, if we are not to disappear altogether in a cataclysm of foreign invasion, insurrection, and the famine which will inevitably follow—this false god of sport must be overthrown, and that soon. The most sporting thing we can do (to use their own phraseology) is to adopt conscription, and make our country, our homes, and our families secure against the danger which is close at hand. Otherwise truly those whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad.

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## SINGAPORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

## THE CURRENCY SCHEME.

The half yearly meeting of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce was held on Sept. 22 at the Exchange, Mr. W. H. Sheldford presiding. The Chairman addressed the meeting as follows—

The principal question which has lately occupied the minds of us all has undoubtedly been that of currency.

The rate of exchange with gold standard countries, with whom the bulk of our business is now conducted, has lately advanced so continuously that trade has generally been seriously inconvenienced—for the time at any rate. Such fluctuations have always had this effect, and it was with a view to obtaining stability and getting rid of these fluctuations that after much discussion and deliberation the present currency scheme was embarked upon.

You are all familiar with the scheme. We reached a year ago the second stage in the

reached which is thus described by Sir David Barbour:

"50. When the currency is so largely composed of the new dollar as to justify the measure, the Mexican and British dollars should be finally demonetized and the Straits Settlements would then be in the position in which India was when the change of standard was first taken in that country, with, however, the very important advantage that there would not be an enormous proportion of the new coins either hoarded or circulating in foreign countries which might, by being thrown into circulation, indefinitely delay the establishment of the gold standard."

After the Straits Settlements had arrived at this stage, the procedure might be exactly the same as it was in the case of India, i.e., after sufficient Straits dollar had been coined to meet the requirements of business in the Colony and the adjoining States, the coining of dollars would cease until the exchange value of the dollar had reached whatever value in relation to the sovereign might be decided on by the Government as the future value of the Straits dollar. After this stage is reached the Straits Government would issue the new dollars in exchange for gold, and at the fixed rate."

The ultimate rate of exchange which it is desired to establish has not yet been decided and in that respect the scheme materially differs from that of the Indian Government. It must, however, be recognized that the difficulties in the way of Government declaring a rate have been considerable and the conditions vary from those prevailing when the Indian mints were closed to free coinage of rupees. Instead of a falling silver market we have had a steadily rising market. Exchange has naturally advanced with it. The 2/- rate which many people hoped to see established was reached some time ago, without as far as I can ascertain any contraction of currency having taken place—indeed it has not had time to take place—such as is required to bring the value of our dollar up to a sufficiently high level above silver parity to enable a rate to be safely declared. The demand rate of exchange on London is only about 3 per cent. above silver and has not, I think, exceeded 5 per cent. during the last six months, and it has been often a good deal lower. When we talked of a 2/- dollar our exchange had sunk to 1/8 and even lower and this seemed no end to the fall. But we are now well over 2/1. It is not to be expected that Government would fix a rate below silver—that is to say coin dollars at a loss. If a rate is to be fixed now that will be a safe rate it will have, in order to follow Sir David Barbour's idea and the Indian plan, to be a rate considerably higher than at present ruling.

Dear Sir,—I beg to call your attention to the enclosed cutting from the London *Daily Chronicle*, which contains a signed article by Tse Tsai Shan, making a number of important statements relative to the employment of Chinese labour in the South African mines.

I shall be glad if you will kindly give me information upon the following points:

(1) Whether it is correct that the third batch of Chinese arriving at Durban from Tientsin were informed that they had to perform work other than that for which they were engaged, and whether it is correct that the third batch did not see the terms of contract before they left China.

(2) Whether it is correct that the rations

have been cut down to the very lowest limit, and the coolies are unable to satisfy their appetite without buying extra food.

(3) Whether it is correct that a coolie has to drill two feet before he is entitled to a day's pay, and whether a notice has been issued to this effect.

"Coolies who do not drill two feet, and who, in the master's opinion, could have done more, will not be paid for the day."

(4) Whether it is correct that, on March 31 last, there were 204 labourers suffering from beri-beri and waiting to be sent away.

(5) Whether, if a coolie is found to be drilling short of two feet for a few days in the month, or to be absent from work, he is prosecuted and fined or sentenced to imprisonment on the spot.

(6) Whether it is correct that several cases of suicide have occurred among the labourers.

(7) Whether it is correct that Tse Tsai Shan, upon resigning, was asked to sign a document stating that he was satisfied with the treatment the labourers were receiving, and that in consequence of his refusal to sign such a statement, he failed to obtain \$50 which was due to him as salary.

Thanking you in anticipation of your reply, I am, etc., RICHARD BELL.

Downing-street, August 14, 1905.

Dear Sir.—Mr. Lyttelton desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to the *Daily Chronicle* by Mr. Tse Tsai Shan (or, as he signs himself, Thomas A. See), and printed by that paper with a statement that this man had resigned a position on the East Rand Miners' worth £600 a year "because of his disapproval of the manner in which his fellow-countrymen have been treated."

Mr. Lyttelton desires me to send you the following extract from a letter written by this person, on April 3 last, to Mr. G. W. Higgins, the managing director of the East Rand Miners:

"I am preparing for every emergency. The Chinese communities are paying me £400 for expenses and £600 for compensation for giving up my billet on the East Rand. I have taken advantage of a good thing, and if you think it is worth your while to stop me from speaking on the matter, I am willing to consider your offer.

"I hope you will not take this matter in the light of 'blackmail.' It is a matter of business between you and me, and I am not going to gain, and you know what it is worth."

"I shall leave here in a couple of days for Port Elizabeth. If you care to negotiate, kindly write to me, care of Poste Restante, Hongkong."

Mr. Lyttelton thinks that allegations resting on the authority of the author of those proposals are not worth investigation by yourself or by him. Mr. Lyttelton desires me to add that he is always ready to make such investigations into statements which have any credible support.

Yours faithfully,

BERNARD HOLLAND.

Richard Bell, Esq., M.P.

It appears there is no St. Andrew's Society in Singapore. The *Free Press* there complains

"—'So far we have felt that the difficulties attendant upon awaking the cold apathy of the Singapore Scot to a spirit of recognition of his patriotic duties were almost insuperable. Now, however, the *Scotsman* is back in the sugar market, crippled as it was by the Jelutong failure, to its old position.—Express.'

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Rumsey Street, Wing Fung Lane, Queen's Road Central, Circular Pathway, Laddier Street, Square Street, in Mi Lane, Pound Lane, Bonham Road, High Street, Pokfulam Road, Third Street, Kwong Fung Lane, Queen's Road West, Sutherland Street, Connaught Road West and Connaught Road Central.

W. CHATHAM,  
Water Authority.  
Hongkong, 30th September, 1905. [2245]

## INTIMATIONS.

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Hongkong, 25th September, 1905. [2201]

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Hongkong, 29th September, 1905. [2236]

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Notify C. C. SCOTT,  
Care of Messrs. Batterfield & Swire,  
Hongkong, 25th September, 1905. [2225]

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B. E.,  
Care of Office of this Paper.  
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REFERRING to the notice of 21st June last, senders of telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st October next, charges for telegrams will continue to be collected at the rate of FIVE-YEARS THREE CENTS to equal ONE FRANC, such rate being subject to revision after further three months.

A. B. SKOTOWE,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 26th September, 1905. [2168]

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

REFERRING to the Company's NOTICE of 21st June, according to which the rate of collection for Telegraphic charges was fixed at Dollars 0.43 equal to Frs. 1.00 for the period ending 30th September, 1905, senders of telegrams are hereby advised that the said rate will remain unaltered, subject to revision after three months, dating from 1st Oct., 1905.

OLAF NILVSEN,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 26th September, 1905. [2169]

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Hongkong, 22nd September, 1905. [2182]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE EIGHTH DRAWING of SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES of the HONGKONG CLUB, \$100 each, was held on the 21st inst., when the following DEBENTURES were drawn for redemption:

(By order) C. H. GRACE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1905. [2183]

All broken, chipped, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 6th October.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th October will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 9th October, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1905. [910]

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

IN THE MATTER OF THE TEHRAU PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

## IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on and after SATURDAY, the 30th September, the LIQUIDATORS are prepared to distribute a first and final Dividend of Two Dollars and Twenty-six and Seven-tenths cents per Share to those Shareholders who apply for same and deposit their Share Certificate at the Office of the undersigned, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vaux Road, Hongkong.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
Liquidators.  
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1905. [2181]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held at its Head Office, No. 1 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 19th October, 1905, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with Statements of Account for the year 1904 and for the half year ending 30th June, 1905, and of declaring dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 9th October to the 19th October, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board:

W. J. SAUNDERS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 15th September, 1905. [2136]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the undersigned at 12 o'clock (Noon) on FRIDAY, the 20th proxime.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th proxime, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
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Canton Insurance Office, Limited.  
Hongkong, 27th September, 1905. [2231]

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Hongkong, 2nd September, 1905. [2044]

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## SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

THE GREATEST GOLD MINE—ELECTRIC SKIN-BLACKENING—LIGHTING WASTE—THE NEW WEATHER INDICATOR—MUSCLE MARTHE—WHERE MUSIC IS PRESCRIBED—MACHINE-RUBBERING—NON-INTOXICATING STIMULANTS—AMERICAN DIAMONDS.

The recovery of gold from sea water is still a fascinating problem. Livenside has estimated that the ocean contains from 130 to 260 tons of gold per cubic mile, or a total of 100,000,000 tons; but if this is divided by 100 the value would still be \$637,711,000,000,000. M. de Wilde, of Brussels, finds that all of the gold mined up to the present time would not form a cube more than 30 feet square, representing a value of \$13,553,946,000. M. de Wilde has a new method of separation, from which he expects great results. He treats ocean water with a concentrated solution of salt of tin, which transforms the gold into purple of Cassius, an oxide of gold and tin, and this is fixed by hydrate of magnesia, which is liberated from the sea-water on adding lime-water. The hydrate of magnesia has been charged with as much as fifteen per cent of gold, which is removed with cyanide of potassium solution.

A curious blackening of the faces and hands of certain persons being treated by electricity has been noticed. Investigation showed that this took place only when the patient's chair was electrically positive and the crown of the head negative, and when oil-heaters were being used to warm the room. The blackening proved to be due to invisible carbon particles thrown off by the burning oil and drawn to the positive pole.

Inventors still have room for increasing the economy of lighting. Sir James Dewar lately pointed out that of the energy of the candle, oil and coal-gas, only 2 per cent is transformed into light; of the incandescent lamp, 3 per cent; arc lamp, 10 per cent; and incandescence lamp, 15 per cent. But 90 per cent of the energy of the Cuban firefly appears as light, only one per cent being wasted.

As rain follows the cooling of an atmosphere nearly saturated with aqueous vapour, the weather forecaster finds it important to determine the moisture in approaching winds. The barometer gives some indication, but its height depends on wind pressure and temperature as well as on moisture, and the old wet and dry-bulb thermometer has proved entirely unreliable, so that accurate observation has required apparatus too elaborate for ordinary use. The new "anerometer," a simple instrument, therefore fills an urgent need. The opening and shutting of two tabs and raising and lowering of a mercury reservoir draw a measured quantity of air into a glass vessel, and as this comes in contact with anhydrous phosphoric acid the water is quickly absorbed, causing the mercury to rise in a narrow glass stem to a point showing the exact percentage of aqueous vapour in the air.

The "muscle artist" to whom Prof. von Bergmann, the famous Berlin surgeon, has been negotiating, has such mastery of the muscle that he can move them about as he wishes. He draws up his abdominal organs, leaving a cavity; then he presses them down until his abdomen grows globular; then he divides them into right and left sections, with a hollow between. He makes the muscle a of any part of his body tremble and shake like jello. He stops his pulse beating and moves his heart at will. Just how these singular results are attained is a mystery.

Vocal or instrumental music as a therapeutic agent has been found by Dr. F. S. Kennedy to be a useful aid in malnutrition, insomnia, hysteria, family affliction, business reverses, delirium, pain, and mental or physical fatigue. A German physician has used music to lessen the distress and after-effects of applying anesthetics.

Sunstroke, it is pointed out, is due to the chemical and not to the heat rays. The active rays penetrate anything except a colour screen, and an Egyptian army officer has effectively protected himself by living his helmet and coat with yellow.

The erasing machine is designed to lighten the labours of the draughtsman. A circular ink eraser is fastened by a screw in the place of the usual drill of a dental engine, and, being rotated by foot power, is applied over the lines to be removed. The flexible shaft permits of ready movement as desired. At good speed and with light pressure, the eraser works rapidly and effectively, and on good paper the surface can be so smoothed that the erasure is scarcely noticeable. In changing the details of engineers' maps and in other work a great deal of labour can be saved by this simple device.

The novel problem of German chemists is that of producing an agreeable and hygienic beverage, having stimulating properties like beer and wine, but containing no alcohol or other harmful substance. The investigation is to be made through syntheses of wine and beer. The effects of the different constituents upon the organs of taste are to be studied, and an effort will be made to produce like agreeable effects with non-alcoholic materials. The achievements already made in synthetic chemistry give hope of success in this new field.

United States localities that have yielded diamonds are: Shelby county, Alabama; Amador, El Dorado, Butte, Nevada, Trinity, Del Norte and Tulare counties, California; Brown and Morgan counties, Indiana; Russell county, Kentucky; Cass county, Michigan; Clermont county, Tennessee; Pierce, Dane, Washington, Ozaukee, Waukesha, and Racine counties, Wisconsin. A diamond of Cass county, Michigan, weighed 10 7/8 carats; and one of Waukesha county, Wisconsin, 15 1/2 carats.

The soldier-astronomer of Australia builds huge nests, and overpowers small snakes. Yet it is vanquished by a small black ant a third as large, the battles often lasting for months.

## LAND OF OPHIR.

DISCOVERIES IN MASHONALAND.

Dr. Carl Peters, the well-known explorer, has returned to London after an extended tour in South Africa, principally in Rhodesia, where he has made some interesting historic discoveries tending to confirm his theory that Mashonaland is the ancient Land of Ophir. "I went first to North-East Mashonaland," said Dr. Peters to a Press representative, "to investigate some mining properties, and also to look for more evidence of my Ophir theory. I have managed to place the Ophir of the Bible in these countries between the Zambezi and the Limpopo, and as a result of my interesting archaeological explorations there I found several inscriptions of an ancient Arab character, which I have brought to Europe to be deciphered, and have

which I think will be able finally to solve the question of ancient civilisation in those countries. So far one inscription has been deciphered by an eminent German orientalist, Dr. Glasier, as meaning 'Sophar, which is the name of the capital in South Arabia, and at the same time is the root of the name 'Sofala,' a port in East Africa.' The inscription, which was on a stone, is about 1,700 years old. Two other stones, which I have brought home have been classified as Babylonian boundary stones. The remaining stones have been sent to Hanover to have the inscriptions deciphered. When I was in Johannesburg I was asked by the British Association to give a lecture there on my discoveries, but as I was obliged by business to come home, I shall give a lecture on the subject as soon as the inscriptions on all the stones have been thoroughly investigated. That is only one side of my expedition, however. I have been closely examining Rhodesia on its mining and agricultural prospects. While I find that the mining prospects are much better than many people have thought, for instance, there are traces of tin all over North-East Mashonaland, and at the same time large copper deposits—I do not think much of the agricultural prospects, for the reason that the soil is everywhere very thin. Generally speaking, after six to eight inches you get to bed rock. Of course there are exceptions."

## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report dated Hongkong, 29th September, 1905, "Our business has been fairly active during the week, and rates have ruled firm with a few important exceptions. In the present state of the market a drop in rates should not be taken too seriously, as in most cases it is due to forced sales on a small and restricted market; while on the other hand a sudden rise in rates is attributable in many cases to impatient demand which cannot be immediately satisfied: the latter occurrence, however, is less frequent than the former, as tight money amongst the Chinese, the inducement to realize dollar stocks at the ruling high rate of exchange, and the influence of the monthly settlements are strong features of the market at the present time."

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have been negotiated at \$900, closing steady at that. Nations unchanged and without business.

MARINE INSURANCES.—A few odd lots of Union changed hands in the early part of the week at \$785, and later a fair business was transacted at \$780, the market closing at \$789 with buyers. China Traders have found a fair number of buyers at \$79 and a good business has been put through at that rate. Cantons on the issue of their Report, have improved to \$337, with sales and buyers. The managers recommend a dividend of \$20 per share, placing \$200,000 to reserve fund, \$50,000 to re-insurance fund, and carrying forward to the current year's account \$21,549.38, an amount which has been received with much satisfaction by the shareholders. North China are required for at \$78, but none seem procurable. Yangtze remains unchanged and without business.

FINE INSURANCES.—Hongkong have improved to \$40, after sales at \$37, the market closing with a few sellers. China have also ruled firm and the rate has risen to \$37 with sales.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao remain steady at \$36 with buyers, while at \$37 a few shares are probably procurable. Indo-china with a demand from Shanghai, have risen to \$35. A fair business was put through at that rate, the market closing rather quiet with probable sellers. We have nothing else to report under this heading.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars, with a few settlement shares on the market, have continued weak, and sales have been moderate rates under \$30, the nominally quoted price during the week. The market closes firmish at \$230. Lizzons have been placed at \$15 1/2, and close with sellers.

MINING.—We have nothing to report under this heading.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, after further small sales at \$193, suddenly fell to \$187 with sellers, and the rate had to be dropped further to \$184 before sales were effected. At that rate a good many shares changed hands, and with an insufficient number to supply the demand the prices rose to \$185, at which they close with buyers. Kowloon Wharves are obtainable at \$104, with out sales. Parahams have ruled between \$143 and \$145, closing at \$144 buyers.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands close weak at \$128 without business. Kowloon Lands have found buyers at \$49. Humphreys at \$122 and West Points at \$35. Hotels quiet at quotations.

COTTON MILLS.—No change or business to report.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Provinces have charged hands at \$89 and \$9. Dairy Farms at \$173. Green Islands at \$27, and \$28 (in small lots). Steam Water-boats at \$14 and Powells (old) at \$12. Watsons are required for at \$14.

THE JAPANESE BRIDE.

That the movement to free women from the bonds of overbearing men receives but little encouragement in the sunny land of Japan is evident from the commandments given to Japanese wives on their wedding morning by their mothers.

The bequests are known as the "Twelve Commandments of the Bride," as follows:—

"1. The moment you are married, you are no longer my daughter. Therefore, you must obey your parents in law as you once obeyed your father and mother.

"2. When you are married, your husband will be your sole master. Be humble and polite. Obey obedience to her husband is the noblest virtue a wife can possess.

"3. Always be amiable towards your mother-in-law.

"4. Do not be jealous; jealousy kills your husband's affection for you.

"5. Even though your husband be wrong, do not get angry; be patient, and when he has calmed down, then speak to him gently.

"6. Do not talk too much; speak no evil of your neighbours; never tell lies.

"7. Kiss early, retire late, and do not sleep in the afternoon. Drink little wine, and until you are fifty take no part in public assemblies nor mingle in crowds.

"8. Consult no fortune-teller.

"9. Be a good manageress, and especially be economical in your household.

"10. Although you may marry young, do not frequent too youthful society.

"11. Do not wear bright-coloured garments. Always be neatly but modestly dressed.

"12. Do not pride yourself on your father's rank or fortune. If he is a rich man, never allude to his riches before your husband's relatives."

These rules are similar to those which were in vogue in Japan hundreds of years ago, as is indicated in the interesting book on Japanese women by Mr. S. Takaishi in the "Wisdom of the East" series.

CHINESE COOLIES ON  
THE RAND.TAKING ADVANTAGE OF BRITISH  
PARTY POLITICS.

Berlin, 10th August.

The Johannesburg correspondent of the "Collegiate Gazette" furnishes some interesting evidence with regard to the causes of some of the difficulties which have arisen in connexion with imported Chinese labour on the Rand. One fruitful source of dispute would seem to be the presence and influence of white interpreters with the coolies. These interpreters are paid on a higher scale than are the ordinary white labourers, and they are consequently regarded with considerable jealousy and dislike by the latter, especially since the interpreters are inclined to take the part of the coolies when disputes arise. The inevitable result is an aggravation of the conflicts between the white miners and the Chinaman.

In the opinion of the chief interpreter of the local coolie importation society, the dissatisfaction which prevails among the Chinaman is entirely artificial, and is chiefly founded upon the knowledge possessed by the mestizo coolies of the fact that Chinese labour on the Rand has become a party question in England. Upon the strength of this knowledge they hope to compel the mine-owners to concede even better terms and greater comforts than they now enjoy. The correspondent, who is evidently acquainted with the conditions of labour in China and the Malay Archipelago, emphatically states that, apart from the superb climate, the Chinese coolies on the Rand are better fed, better housed, and better paid than could possibly be the case elsewhere, and better than their compatriots actually are in the tinmines of Malacca, where they have to work for 12 hours under a broiling sun at rates which are equal to about half what is paid in South Africa. Further causes of discontent and sources of friction with the authorities are to be found in the legislative restrictions placed upon trading and gambling, both of which are innate instincts of the Chinaman.

The impartial evidence of an experienced foreign observer should have considerable weight with those in England who, without accurate knowledge of the circumstances, are pleased to describe a voluntary contract of labour under exceptionally favourable conditions as "slavery under the British flag."

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONGKONG, 1st October.

Sunday: 15th after Trinity. Holy Communion: (7.30 a.m., Matins (11 a.m., Responses; Ferial; Vespers; Gaudy Sunday in E. flat; Benediction; Garrett; Te Deum; Gaudy in E. flat; Benediction; Garrett; G. Hymn, 102 (M.S. Tune), Holy Communion (12 noon); Kyrie; Gaudy in C.; Hymn, 320; Bensong (5.45 p.m.) Responses; Kyrie; Psalm; Purcell; Cooke; Tucker; Magnificat; Turkey (2nd evening); Hymns, 437, 298, and 27; Sung; Fold; Amen; Voluntaries; Canticle; Guilmant; Barcarolle; Sterndale-Bonnet.

St. PETER'S CHURCH, Queen's Road West. Sunday: 15th after Trinity. Holy Communion: (7.30 a.m., Matins (11 a.m., Responses; Ferial; Vespers; Gaudy Sunday in E. flat; Benediction; Garrett; Te Deum; Gaudy in E. flat; Benediction; Garrett; G. Hymn, 102 (M.S. Tune), Holy Communion (12.15); Evening Prayer. Magnificat; Gregory; Nana Dimitris; Turl; Hymn, 13, 311, 234, and 24.

The Church launch "Spring," will call on ships carrying white crews, to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m. and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6), returning afterwards. The "Answering Pennant" is the call flag. All the services are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c., provided.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

CEANLEY, British str., 2/35, W. E. Steele, 29th Sept.—Dunkirk France, 21st Aug. Railway Accessories—John Lightfoot & Co. HAITAN, British str., 1,183, J. S. Roach, 20th Sept.—Foochow 26th Sept., Amoy 27th & Swatow 28th, General—Douglas Lapraik & Co. HONG MOH, British str., 2,551, Wm. Dawson, 28th Sept.—Singapore 25th Sept., General—Chinese. LOONMOON, German str., 20th Sept., from Canton. PROTENS, Norwegian str., 1,024, N. C. Krabbe, 29th Sept.—Tamsui, Amoy and Swatow 28th Sept., General—Osaka Shosen Kisen. SIGNAL, German str., 907, A. Bendixen, 29th Sept.—Del 19th Sept. and Swatow 28th—Johen & Co. TYDENS, British str., 4,700, M. H. F. Jackson, 29th September—Liverpool via Ports 29th August, General—Butterfield & Swire.

## CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, 29th September. Caithness, British str., for Kobe. Helene, German str., for Hoilow. Hong Moh, British str., for Amoy. Louther Castle, British str., for Shanghai. Seneca, British str., for Singapore.

## DEPARTURES.

29th September. ANDRE'S RICKMERS, German str., for Hoilow. DARTOR, British str., for San Francisco. HAIKHING, British str., for Coast Ports. MUREX, British str., for Swatow. RADNORSHIRE, British str., for Bangkok. RAS ISKA, British str., for Shanghai. RUMI, British str., for Manila. SUNDIA, British str., for Shanghai. SUNGKANG, British str., for Manila.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Norwegian str. *Protens* reports: Strong E.N.E. and E. wind with heavy sea. The British str. *Hong Moh* reports: From Foochow to Amoy heavy N.E. winds and fine weather. From Amoy to Swatow moderate N.E. winds, cloudy overcast sky, smooth sea. From Swatow to Hongkong light easterly winds, smooth sea, cloudy overcast, light showers. The British str. *Caithness* reports: Encountered severe gale south lat. 18° 15' N. and 113° 35' E. The British str. *Hong Moh* reports: From 23rd to 27th light to moderate breezes, fine clear weather. On 27th, a.m., cyclone storm with high confused sea, vessel rolling and labouring heavily. On 27th, midnight, wind and sea moderating. On 28th fresh S.E. wind, still cloudy weather with heavy rain.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—KOWLOON DOCKS.—*Poage*, Doris, Claverley, Orange Branch, Kowloon, Foochow, Empress of China, Carl Menell. COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—*Chihi*.

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FOR SHANGHAI. (Taking Cargo on Through Routes to TSINGTAU, HANKOW and CHENGDU.)

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GNEISENAU	WEDNESDAY	17th January			
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Hongkong, 20th September, 1905. [2115]

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Hongkong 13th September, 1905. [2115]

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Hongkong, 25th September, 1905. [2115]

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FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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TAMSI VIA SWATOW AND AMOI	"PROTEUS" "KRAIBER" "PROMISE" "THEORSTENSEN" "FRITHJOF" "HARALDSEN"	SUNDAY, 1st Oct., at 8 A.M. WEDNESDAY, 4th Oct. at 10 A.M. THURSDAY, 5th Oct. at 10 A.M.
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## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Occident*, with the French mail of the 1st September left Saigon on Friday, the 29th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 2nd October. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on July 29th.

Mail for CANTON, SAMSHUJ and WUCHOW are closed at 8 a.m.

On Sunday the mail for Macao is closed at 8 a.m.

Mails for NANTAO, SANBUE, \*KUMONOK, \*SAMSHUJ, \*WUCHOW and \*CANTON are closed every weekday, at 5 p.m. On Sundays the mails are closed at 9 a.m.

\*No mails are despatched to these places on Saturday evenings, unless previously notified.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Manila		Saturday, 30th, 11.00 a.m.
Macao		Saturday, 30th, 11.15 p.m.
Swatow		Saturday, 30th, 2.00 p.m.
Chin-kiang		Saturday, 30th, 3.00 p.m.
Shangchau		Saturday, 30th, 3.00 p.m.
Hainan		Saturday, 30th, 5.00 p.m.
Amoy		Saturday, 30th, 5.00 p.m.
Swatow, Tsin-tau, Wei-hu-wei, Chefoo and Tientsin		Sunday, Oct. 1st, 9.00 a.m.
Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle and Tacoma		Monday, Oct. 2, 9.00 a.m.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and SAN FRANCISCO.

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TO-DAY.

Sale, DRESS Materials, &c., Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Rondeos, 230 p.m.

Grand Promenade Concert, Volunteer Parade Ground, 9.15 p.m.

## COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

29th September.

ON LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1.111

4 1/2 Bills, on demand ..... 1.111

4 1/2 Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 1.111

4 1/2 Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 1.111

Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight ..... 1.111

ON FRANCE.— Bank Bills, on demand ..... 244

Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 2482

ON GERMANY.— Cn demand ..... 1982

ON NEW YORK.— Bank Bills, on demand ..... 473

Credits, 60 days' sight ..... 473

ON EGYPT.— Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1443

Bank, on demand ..... 145

ON CALCUTTA.— Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1443

Bank, on demand ..... 145

ON SHANGHAI.— Bank, at sight ..... 712

Private, 30 days' sight ..... 723

ON YOKOHAMA.— On demand ..... 65

ON MANILA.— On demand—Posco ..... 95

ON SINGAPORE.— On demand ..... 9.00 p.m.

ON BATAVIA.— On demand ..... 1163

ON HAIKONG.— On demand ..... 3.00 p.m.

ON SAIGON.— On demand ..... Par.

ON BANGKOK.— On demand ..... 614

SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate ..... 10.25

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29th September.

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Bengal New ..... \$8725 to —

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## VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. *Occident* will leave Saigon on the 29th Sept. at 4 p.m. for this port.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

## THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1905.

## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 29th September.

COMPANY. PAID UP. QUOTATIONS.

Alhambra	\$200	\$100.
Hongkong & Sh. Co.	\$125	\$90, sales & sel.
National B. of China	25	London, 431.
A. Shares	25	100, buyers
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	125. 6d.	71, buyers
China-Borneo Co.	\$12	\$11.70, 77.6
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$10, sellers
China Provident	\$10	\$10, buyers
Cotton Mills	—	—
Evo.	75	Tls. 63, buyers
Hongkong	\$10	75, sellers
International	75	Tls. 44.
Loon Kong M.	100	Tls. 50.
Soochee	600	Tls. 250, buyers
Dairy Farm	80	\$171.

Docks and Wharves	100	Tls. 118, buyers
H. & W. Wharf & G.	350	\$104, sellers
H. & W. Dock	500	\$115, buyers
Now Amoy Dock	300	\$17, sellers
Sh. & H. Wharf, Tls. Co.	100	Tls. 187, buyers

Fenwick & Co. Geo.	25	\$25.
G. Island Cement	\$10	\$15, sellers
Hongkong & G. Co.	\$10	\$15, buyers
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$14.
Do. New.	50	\$11.
H. L. Transport	\$100	\$125, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Co.	\$50	\$137.
Hongkong Ice Co.	\$50	\$152.
Hongkong S. Waterboat	\$10	\$14, sellers & sellers

Insurances	—	—
Canton	\$50	\$337, buyers
China Traders	\$25	\$874, buyers
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$70, sellers
North China	25	100, 22, buyers
Union	\$100	\$760, buyers
Yangtze	\$60	\$1724.

Land and Building	—	—
Hongkong Land and B.	\$100	\$128, sellers
Hongkong Land & B.	\$30	\$124.
Shanghai Land	50	Tls. 1254.
West Point Building	\$50	\$56.

Mining	—	—
Charbonnages	Feb. 250	\$400.
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**CHILDREN OF FAR CATHAY**  
A SOCIAL AND POLITICAL NOVEL  
BY  
CHARLES J. H. HALCOMBE,  
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(Continued from last Saturday.)

One day was fondling a wild beast which his benevolent influence had tamed and subdued; another kindly personage, during a supposed vigil in the wilderness, was being fed with fruit by a troop of monkeys which were clustered around him, or perched upon his shoulders; while other deities were deformed in various ways, one fanatical devotee having overgrown arms, the result of piously keeping them in an upright position for years.

Some of the idols were supposed to represent virtuous ministers and men of letters who had lived in bygone dynasties, and at one end of the hall was the dolted image of the wise Emperor Kien-lung<sup>1</sup> before whom fragrant wood and joss-sticks were continually kept burning. Behind the monarch stood a triple statue of Buddha, and in the centre of the hall was a magnificent bronze pagoda about sixteen feet high and ornamented with dragon figures.

"Who is that terrible looking image supposed to represent?" asked Montrose, pointing to a bull-headed monstrosity.

"That is Taung Kwei, whose image was placed by Imperial decree in most of the temples throughout the land; but we never point at the gods, as it is not reverent to do so," replied Cheng, regarding the hideous image with some awe.

"It appears," he continued, "that about twelve hundred years ago, the Emperor of China saw a small, blue-coloured devil come into his palace one night and steal his flute, which was made of precious jades and the Emperor was performing, which he flew away with to the roof of the building. While he was resting there another blue-devil, thought of gigantic size, with the head of a bull and carrying a flaming sword, attacked and slew the other devil and restored the stolen goods, which he brought to the Emperor's bedside. Being asked his name, he replied, 'I am Tsung Kwei who, when living upon earth, was a military graduate, but, since my decease, the gods have placed under my supreme control all impes, ogres, shades and other supernatural beings.' Having spoken thus, the bull-headed demon at once disappeared; but the Emperor felt great pride and satisfaction in having been visited by so powerful and distinguished a person of the human world, and at once paid an artist many pieces of gold to paint a picture of Taung Kwei from his own description, and copies of it were distributed to the chief sculptors throughout China."

Whether Montrose believed this story, Cheng did not venture to inquire. After passing through another hall, where there was a fine marble pagoda about forty feet high, they left the temple and made their way towards the Tartar city. While passing along a tarry broad thoroughfare they came upon a Chinese puppet-show, which was surrounded by an open-mouthed crowd of men and children. Pausing for a few minutes they watched the performance which was exactly similar to our Punch and Judy show, the dolls being well dressed and very cleverly manipulated by means of strings.

Being desirous of finding out something about the source from which this show was first derived in the "Middle Kingdom," Montrose inquired of his companion.

"Well, the gong-chi-hao, as it is called, dates back two thousand years to the siege of Peng, in Shensi," said Cheng, eagerly watching the performance. "At that time a general named Mo-tung was besieging the city in question, and he happened to be possessed of an inordinately jealous wife, named San-oh, who, being a fanatical heretic, should happen to meet a more prepossessing damsel than herself, always accompanied him on his warlike expeditions. This fact was well known to the defender of Peng, who, being a shrewd and resourceful man, caused to be made a large wooden puppet of a woman whose limbs were moved by strings. This doll was dressed in beautiful robes and placed in a conspicuous position upon the wall of the city; and, when the amorous general came from his tent, his arms were raised as if in supplication, and he stood admiringly watching the figure. His wife chanced to appear upon the scene and, catching sight of the capricious woman standing upon the wall of the besieged city, and apparently making signs to her husband, the became very jealous and caused the siege to be raised, being afraid that, in the event of the city falling into their hands, this bewitching dame might prove a dangerous rival. In perpetuation of this clever stratagem, the gong-chi-hao came into existence."

On entering the Tartar City by the South gate, the two sightseers soon came to a large quadrangle in which stood the Bell Temple, a very ancient building chi-fu supported by a donation of military officers. Pusing up a broad flight of steps and beneath a baulily-sculptured archway, they entered a large hall, in the center of which stood the supreme divinity of the Taoist faith. On either side were smaller places of worship containing numerous idols, before each of which stood an incense-brazier, an urn for burning silver paper and several candlesticks, also votive offerings in the way of food and drink.

"This is Chang Tan Long, the Taoist chief of all demons," said Cheng, inclining his gaze towards a curious effigy of an aped man who held in each hand a large sword with a cornucopied blade.

"That immortal being," he continued, lighting and placing some joss-sticks before the idol, "lived at a time when the Kingdom of Wei was in the zenith of its glory. When about seventy years of age, he obtained from a fairy some earth which he made into pills and swallowed, these causing his body to become imperishable. Immortality was thus attained to, and, when he had reached the ripe age of one hundred and thirty years, the great Lao-tze, who founded the Taoist faith, appeared to him and handed him a book containing all the secrets of magic art and two flaming swords, confiding to his charge the demon kingdom. To those realms Chang Tan Long at once repaired, rising in full view of all the people at midday, and he was soon held by the responsible officer."

"I should imagine that it is a responsible office," observed Montrose, not daring to laugh in the presence of such sacred objects.

They were now joined by a patriarchal-looking priest, who offered to act as their escort, and conducted them to the most ancient part of the building which, together with some idols of great antiquity, had been at some period much dismared by fire.

"Here, where we are now standing," he said, in an impressive voice, staring down upon the time-worn pavement<sup>2</sup> is where, twenty centuries ago, five shepherds were suddenly transformed into rams; and on this very spot they were immediately afterwards changed into stone images. While this was taking place a loud

voice was heard to proclaim that so long as these supernatural objects were worshipped, the prosperity of the city should continue. I myself, when quite a boy, saw those stone rams, which were of granite and about eighteen inches long; and, strange to say, after a fire which destroyed part of this temple, they suddenly vanished, and the city—which thus derived its sobriquet of "The City of Rams"—has never had any luck since their disappearance.

The old man did not lead the way through a door in front of which stood an ancient and dilapidated pile of sculptured imagery traversed by an archway, about twenty feet in height, and open in the centre, above which from lofty rafters supported by stone columns placed on the top of the arch, hung an immense bell, that was covered with curious designs and hieroglyphics, and beneath it was placed an iron censor in which sandalwood and other sweet-smelling woods were constantly kept burning as an offering to the spirit of the bell.

"This is the 'Interlocked Bell,' and, as you will observe, deprived of its clapper," said their guide. "It was cast over two centuries ago, in the early part of the reign of Hung Wu, and it was then predicted that a great calamity would befall the city should it ever be sounded. Many, many years ago, a high official, while visiting this temple, ordered one of the priests to strike the bell and, immediately this was done, one thousand five hundred male and female children of Canton passed from this world. It is believed that some powerful spirit was annoyed or startled by the unusual sound and caused the calamity."

"You will also notice," he added, "that the lower rim of the bell is badly damaged. This was caused over thirty years ago by a shot from an English man-of-war when the foreign legions were bombarding the city."

Cheng reverently fastened to the bell and gave some money to provide incense for its dwelling spirit; and then the amiable old priest conducted them to a secluded garden situated to the east of the main hall. In the centre of this enclosure was a pond of very clear water, on the red sandstone bottom of which was the shape of a large footprint which was believed to be the impress left by some powerful deity; and at one end of the garden of steps led down into a leafy retreat to the shrine of Golden Flowers, where a goddess, like the Venus Genitrix of Rome, supposed to bless mothers with offspring, presided among choice flowers, being surrounded by statues of handmaids holding upon their knees one and sometimes two newly-born infants. All of the images had several pieces of red cord tied round their necks, these having been placed there in record of the wish of certain women worshippers who had besought the blessing of fecundity.

At the head of the enclosure stood a miniature joss-house built by the mighty Kwang Tai, the God of War; and in front of the image was an altar beside which were hung a large bow and sword.

"Here," said the priest, "the Tartar candidates for military promotion come to make sacrifices preparatory to going up for the examinations."

"They greatly fear and respect this deity," he continued, "for it is said that during the Taiping revolution the city of Ching-chow-fu was threatened by the rebels who were advancing to take it, and would have succeeded had it not been for the timely intervention of this powerful deity. With fiery hair, long beard and glittering helmet, he was then seen standing in the center of a red star and leading his arm'd hosts to the support of the city; and the sight of this invulnerable warrior, and the terrible noise made by his soldiers so alarmed the rebels that they fled panic-stricken from the field."

The Taipings were not the people to run away from danger, but rather to court it," said Cheng laughingly. Then, turning to another priest who had just joined them, he proposed that they should all have lunch together at his expense, if they could find someone to procure wine and viands.

His liberal offer was duly appreciated, and the holy men despatched a novice to the market, and then conducted their visitors to a shady grotto in which stood a black ebony table and several chairs. It was a pleasant place for a picnic, and one would have imagined that, instead of being in the heart of the city, it was far away in a wild country, for on either hand were rocks covered with ferns, and crowded with thick varicoloured foliage through which only a few bright sun-rays found their way, while a stream of clear water trickled down the side of the ravine and entered a miniature lake. Then, rejoining Montrose, they left the house and made their way to the riverside with the intention of visiting the far-famed Pun-tin-pun garden; Ah San, who accompanied them being sent forward to engage a suitable boat, as their destination lay a few miles up the river.

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Near the shore were moored the well-known flower boats which are roomy vessels ornamented with carved and gilded panels, the interior being highly decorated with coloured lanterns and festoons of flowers. These are hired by wealthy mandarins and merchants for feasts and pleasure parties, when deeply rouged damsels entertain them with song and music.

The river presented an animated appearance for all manner of craft glided to and fro; small shoe-shaped sampans sculled by buxom young girls with pretty sun-tanned faces and bare legs, their head-gear consisting of a large straw hat or merely a dangle cloth; large fish-shaped junks with eyes on either bow, two masts as fins and an immense rudder as tail; low-lying sharp-pointed *taimungs*, or war-boats, with antiquated guns grimly peering from their broadsides; and stumpy box-shaped passenger boats crowded with men, women and children and all manner of luggage. A medley of sounds, some not altogether unmusical, greeted their ears as they passed up the river, for many of the junks were beating gongs and firing crackers to scare away any unpropitious spirits which might be hovering about, and the crews of others were singing drowsy chants as he was inside.

Hiding behind a tree Chang-ho waited and watched, and in about an hour's time he saw the genie come out of the cave, and heard him say, "Stone door, close, Mr. Kwong Kwei, depart." Whereupon the slab closed on its own accord. Chang-ho's curiosity was much excited, and he went there regularly for half a month, until he knew the exact time when the genie was likely to be absent, and also the words he used to open the magic door. So one day he determined to explore the wonderful cave and, summoning up courage, went to the rock and, repeating the formula, was delighted to see the huge door swing slowly and silently open.

"On entering the cave he was surprised to find that it was of immense size, and that its secerity was marvellously beautiful; and for some time he stood in spell-bound wonderment and admiration, gazing upon the fairylights which surrounded him. Thinking he might discover some treasure he searched about, but, not being successful, returned home and related his adventure to his grandmother, who was deeply interested, and expressed a desire to accompany him to the cave, that they might explore it together. So next day they started

\* Chinese children always wear small silver bells upon their hats and around their necks and wrists in order to avoid the bad influence of this malignant spirit.

<sup>1</sup> Reign A.D. 1736 to 1796.  
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they jolted or hauled on ropes; while the saucy campan-girls warbled merrily, rhythmically swaying their bodies and working their ears, or took up the chorus of a song, sung by some labouring swain in the adjacent paddies, fields, where clumps of graceful bamboo, variegated foliage, enhanced the sunny noon scene.

The old lady was nowhere to be seen, and Chang-ho effected an entrance to the cave, about which they waited for some hours. After a time the young man lost sight of his aged companion and, having fruitlessly searched for her, came to the conclusion that she had already left the grotto, and forthwith went out, the stone door closing behind him.

"But the old lady was nowhere to be seen, and on returning home he found that she was still absent. The day was beginning to wane, and, in great dismay, he hurried back to the mountains and once more endeavoured to open the magic door. However, his words were of no avail, and, in spite of all his efforts, the door did not open; so, feeling alarmed and horrid, he flung himself down upon the ground and wept and prayed.

"Suddenly he heard footsteps, and rising to his feet saw the genie standing smilingly before him. The old man asked what was the cause of his lamentations, and the poor shepherd confessed the truth, at the same time imploring the master to open the door and release his grandmother. But the genie steadfastly refused to comply with his request, and informed him that the cave required a victim, and that the old woman had been reserved for that fate; furthermore, he said that her descendants would have great power over demons, though had the victim been a male, one of his family would have none of the genealogical curse.

"Cheng-ho was somewhat relieved to learn that he was not actually to blame for his grandmother's disappearance, since his fate had been fore-ordained, and he at once returned home. In due course he married and, in accordance with the words of the genie, his first son became Chang-ho the first-hand, the Master of Heaven. Well, Tso Man-chong would have none of the genealogical curse, and only allowed the proper Imperial tribute to be levied, and the people prospered under his rule, and he loved his creation.

Montrose thoroughly enjoyed himself, and quite relished the Oriental *taffeta*, as did the priests who were not accustomed to always fare so sumptuously; and Cheng was the life of the party, his dry humour and quaint stories being both clever and interesting. At the end of the meal, he and Montrose took leave of the jovial divines, who accompanied them to the entrance of the temple and bestowed upon them their blessings, in consideration of which the two teenagers gave them a liberal gratuity.

The rest of the afternoon they spent in boating and visiting the ruined Tsing-Wei Tsoo pagoda, which was built in the Liung dynasty, during the reign of the Emperor Wu Tai (A.D. 536), and at sundown they parted, both having spent a most pleasant day—a day which had further cemented their friendship which was destined, in the future, to materially affect the Englishman's life: for he had taken a great liking to the clever young student, who had a fascinating manner and striking personality.

It had been agreed upon between them that at ten o'clock next morning Cheng should meet Montrose at a certain place near the Shamen, and at the appointed time the latter arrived there, though only to find that his friend had not been punctual in his appointment. After waiting some minutes, he strolled towards the Chinese hotel where Cheng was staying, and on nearing it observed that young gentleman, perched upon the roof, gravely watching the movements of a large bird-shaped kite which he was flying.

Montrose entered the house, and ascending the stairs which were ornamented with roses of flowers, climbed a ladder, and passing through a trap-door gained the roof. Approaching the kite-flier, he made apologies for his intrusion, and chid him for his forgetfulness.

With many bows and shame-faced looks, Cheng made ample preparation pleading in the most refined manner his ignorance of the hour and his foolish desire to try some kites he had bought to take home to his family, as his brother and cousins were very partial to that recreation.

Conducting his visitor to the waiting-room, and having tea and cake brought to him, Cheng went to his room and expeditiously arranged his toilet, putting on a blue robe with a maroon-coloured jacket and embroidered fance.

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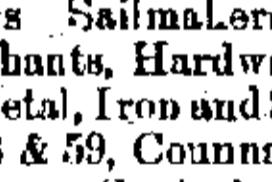
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